

REMARKS

The Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed October 6, 2010 (hereinafter “Office Action”) and offer the following remarks to accompany the above amendments.

Initially, the Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Aggarwal for taking the time to speak with the Applicant’s representative, Tony Josephson, on December 21, 2010. During the Examiner interview, the amendments noted above along with the references cited in the Office Action were discussed. Importantly, Examiner Aggarwal kindly pointed out that, as amended, the claims include subject matter not disclosed by the references cited in the Office Action.

Claims 7-9, 11-18, and 20-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,270,831 to *Parulski et al.* (hereinafter “*Parulski*”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,764,285 to *Ochi et al.* (hereinafter “*Ochi*”). Claims 7, 9, 12, 15, 17, 20, and 21 have been cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection of these claims moot. Regarding the remaining claims, the Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. New claims 28 and 29 have been added. In addition, remaining claims 8, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, and 22, have been amended to depend from either claim 28 or 29. During the Examiner interview, the subject matter recited in claims 28 and 29 were discussed. As noted above, Examiner Aggarwal kindly pointed out that claims 28 and 29 include subject matter which is not disclosed by the references cited in the Office Action. Accordingly, the Applicant requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

The present application is now in a condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicant's representative regarding any remaining issues in an effort to expedite allowance and issuance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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